SHARPLY CONTESTED.

THE WILSON BILL LIKELY TO BE AMENDED IN THE SENATE.

Impression Is That This Body Will Put a Duty Upon Coal. Southern Senators Deeply In erested In that C ause.

TIMES BUREAU, KAPLEY BUILDING, ! WASHINGTON, December 26, 1893.

After the half-holiday of Saturday, the rest of Sunday, and the full measure of pleasure for Christmas-Day, the governmental departments were opened for bustness this morning, although there was an apparent absence of any very tempestuous desire for labor. Some how, after a holiday, and especially Chrisimas, when good cheer and good fellowship run high, anathy on the part of most mp into the arena the next by Hro. There are still a great congressmen and Federal officers costs, and it will be several days things assume their natural

ourse. The few men here are of course mostly The few men here are of course mostly interested in the great tariff discussion which will begin next week, and the Hawalian matter, which will claim the attention of the Senate. The general consensus of opinion is that the Wilson bill will go through the House with but few, if any, changes, but the question of keeping a quorum always on hand will be more difficult than the defense of the

The everwhelming majority in the The everwhelming majority in the House seems to make the Democrats careless about their attendance, and by scores they remain away, depending upon the balance to protect the party interests. The lines, however, will be more closely drawn after the tariff discussion begins, and the party members will have to give close attendance upon the voting even if not upon the general discussions.

To Pay Tribute to the North. The policy of the Times, in its demand at the South should not be compelled

to pay tribute to the manufacturers of the North, and that the revenues of the government should be raised by a tariff equally proportioned, so that no favors are bestowed, and no unjust burdens imare bestowed, and no unjust burdens im-posed, finds strong support from among a great number of congressmen, and apon the question of free iron and coal there is likely to be a sharp and hotly untested fight. In the House, the Wilson of the may not be amended in this respect, out in the Senate the general impression. at in the Senate the general impression that on coal, at least, will be placed tariff; not, perhaps, the full seventyfive cents, as at present, but, perhaps, forty to fifty cents per ton will be ac-

very strong influence will be exerted a the Scrate, however, by the wealthy syndicates that have recently bought up he enormous coal fields in Nova Scotia, with the very idea that no duty would be laced upon their coal shipments into the falted States. Some of the southern senaexceedingly disturbed over th free-coal clause, and a serious opposition will be found against it by the time the ate comes to vote upon the question

The Special Congressional Election.

Some of the best Virginia lawyers here still claim that the Legislature, being in session, should order the special elec-tion to fill the vacancy in the Seventh congressional district. They claim that as

Race for Feb le Printer.

Mr. M. B. McAbee, of Chicago, accompanied by his wife and children, arrived here Sunday and is temporarily quartered at the St. James. With ex-Public Printer Benedict out, he is almost a Pro-hibition favorite in the race for Public

fact that the President offered this position to Mr. Benedict last summer (which offer was declined), is used as argument by his friends to show that the President is only waiting for his official term as Assistant Secretary of State of New York to expire to renew the offer.

As his term ends on the 31st of December, it is confidently asserted that the President will send in the name of the

hew Public Printer immediately after the assembling of the Senate.

Mr. McAbee has the solid backing of several Western States, his own State of Illinois of course taking a prominent place in the front rank; besides, he has the divided support of the congressional delegations from many States, and if strong earnest endorsements count for anything at the White House, he has no reason to

fear the issue of a contest.

It is well known, however, that the President favors Mr. Benedict, for whom he entertains a high personal regard, and who made a very efficient public printer during his former administration. There are several strongly endorsed can-didates from other States, whose names didates from other States, whose names have been presented for the position, North Carolina and Virginia having furnished one each. Editor Button, from Lyachburg, having received the unant-mous endorsement of the Virginia congressional delegation, was formally presented to the President before the holiday recess by Senators Daniel and Hunton, and as he is said to be held in high exteem by the President, and his qualifications for the position are of the first order, his telection for the place, which is by no means improbable, would be very means improbable, would be very gratifying to his State.

Personals.

There are few Virginians here now All the members of Congress and the two senators have gone home for the holidays. In a few days, however, the members of the General Assembly, who find the shortest and most pleasant route to Richmond to be through Washington will put in a transient appearance of their way to resume their legislative duties, after the pleasant interruption of the Christmas holidays,

Congresso an Bower's Work,

Congressman Bower, having devoted more than one-half of his Christmas holidays to the personal interests of his con-stituents, will leave for his North Carome to-morrow, accompanied by

Mr. W. T. Gray, of Winston, has successfully passed through the ordeal of a departmental examination, and expects to be appointed in a few days to a position in the census office, at the request of Congressman Bower.

of Congressman Bower.

Messrs. W. R. Cobb, of Bellevue, Va.; E. J. Keilley, of Roanoke, and H. E. Gouldman, of Lynchburg, were among the Virginia Christmas guests at the

Metropolitan.

Messrs William Cameron, G. F.
Sharel, and N. S. Morton, Richmond:
P.ev. Job. Turner, Staunton; Messrs, E. G. Terrill, Danville; R. S. Faucette, H. H. McCreary, Winchester; E. Allen Jones, orfolk, and George Cooper, Winston, N., are at the St. James.
Mr. L. F. Jordan, of Norfolk, is in the

Mr. Harry 3. Smith, of Richmond, who is now in the Post-Office Department,

wille, Va., and W. Scott, Virginia, are at the Howard.

Messrs W. K. Alexander and S. W. Sampson, Virginia, and W. B. Williamson, Warrenton, Va., are at the National H. L. W.

H. L. W. RELIQUIDATIONS SUSPENDED.

A Decision of the supreme Court Looked For in Similar Cases.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.-Assistant-Secretary Hamlin to-day telegraphed Collector Kilbreth, at New York, to suspend all reliquidations on the tobacco refund cases under all acts of Congress and all cases under all acts of Congress and all reliquidations of other merchandise, under the act of March 3, 1883. This is the first result of the New York customs-house refund investigation. The statements of refunds of excessive duties called on to-bacco at New York, have been based upon the interpretations of tobacco provisions of the act of 1883, by courts in New York State, in the Blumlein case, four years ago. The officials of the Treasury Department recently have had brought to their attention the fact that there is now needing before the Supreme Court of the pending before the Supreme Court of the United States a case involving similar questions to those decided in the Blumlein case, and they prefer to await a decision of that court before authorizing

Assistant Secretary Hamlin is not yet

Assistant Secretary Hamlin is not yet ready to make any statement of the extent to which the irregulars in preparing vouchers has proceeded, or to indicate the amount which the government has lost by this means. His action to-day, however, in suspending all refunds is regarded as significant.

The prospects are that during the present week the available cash balance of the treasury will reach a figure lower than has ever been recorded in its history. At the close of business Saturday the balance, as stated on the books of the Treasury, was \$99,487,268, and it is generally expected that it will fall below \$90,000,000 during this week. The total balance on the first instant was \$95,199,616. balance on the first instant was \$95,199,616, showing a reduction during the showing a reduction during the month of \$4,712,348. The loss, however, has fallen more largely upon the currency balance than upon the gold reserve. The marked excess of expenses over receipts, it is now believed, will show a deficiency in the revenues at the close of the calendar year of approximately \$37,000,000.

A SAD CASE.

A Young Rabbi Becomes Suddenly Insane On His Eridal Tour.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.-The Rev. Dr. Samuel K. Lewis, a young Jewish Rabbi from Charleston, S. C., was transferred yesterday morning from Bellevue Hospital to the Bloomingdale Insane Asylum. He had suddenly shown signs of de-mentia while on his wedding trip, and his pretty bride had hurried him back to this city to have him treated by competent specialists.

Mrs. Lewis herself was nearly wild with excitement when her honeymoon came to an abrupt end. Dr. Lewis was not at all violent, but he had the delusion that he was being persecuted and that a conspiracy had been formed to kill him. He had jumped to his feet, while passing through Virginia on the train, and shricked, "You only married me for my money. I will not stay with you another hour."

Mrs. Lewis tearfully listened to his ravings, unable to understand at first the change in his manner. When told the change in his manner. When told by physicians that his mind had given way, she immediately notified her relatives that she was coming back to them. Dr. Lewis' marriage occured just one week ago to-day. The bride was Miss Clara Urs. and the ceremony was performed at the residence of Louis Schachne, No. 163 east Ninety-fourth street. Dr. and Mrs. Lewis spent last Thursday night at the Hotel Savoy, at Fifty-ninth street and Fifth avenue, and ion to fill the vacancy of congressional district. They claim that as the congression as the congression in the matter during the holiday recess, issue the write during the holiday recess. It is a for the holiday recess, issue the write during the holiday recess. It is a for the holiday recession and the ceremony was preferred to held a for the could have a for the holiday recession and the ceremony was preferred to held a for the could have a for the holiday recession and the ceremony was pre

A DASTARDLY DEED.

A White Man Killed by a Negro and After. wards Robbed.

AUGUSTA, GA., Dec. 26 .- A special to the Chronicle from Yorkville, S. Ci, says: A negro named Jeff. Crawford was committed to jail to-day for the murder of W. P. Blackburn, a well-to-do white man, in this county last Sunday night. Black-burn's body was found in a thicket on Sunday morning. There were two bullets through his head, and his jugular vein had been severed. A pistol and wagon were found near the body, and identified as the property of the negro. Twenty dollars that Blackburn was known to dollars that Blackburn was known to have had in his pocket were missing, and eight dollars of the money was found in the possession of Crawford. It is believed that Crawford lured Blackburn to the woods on pretence of taking him to a whisky wagon, and murdered him for his money. Seve all negroes living in a cabin near by heard the shooting, and heard Blackburn say "Oh, Lord," but were afraid to go out to see what was the

CONFESSED THEIR GUILT.

Several Anarchists Admit Having Partici-

pated in Bomb-Throwing. BARCELONA, Dec. 26.-The Anarchist Cerezuelo, who was recently arrested at Huesca, has made a confession, in which he acknowledges that he himself threw the bomb in the Liceo Theatre. The bombs found beneath the seats in the theatre were placed there by an Italian Anarchist named Saldini, who is also under arrest and has likewise made a

Anarchist Codina manufactured the bombs from moulds prepared by Sivepot, the printer, who was arrested the other day for implication in the dynamite out-rages, and who confessed that he had made these moulds.

The eight-year-old child whose statements first gave the clue as to where the bombs were detected, lived in the house where Codina lodged. This child says that were concealed in pots of artificial flowers.

Broke all Records. CHICAGO, Dec. 26.-Francis J. Dawes, the wealthy Chicago brewer, received word at New Orleans Saturday that his child was dying here, and chartering an Illinois Central train, the tracks were cleared, and Mr. Dawes and his wife were whirled over the 1,000 miles at the rate of about a mile a minute. He paid about \$1,000 for the trip, and broke all records between New Orleans and Chicago, making the run in \$1-2 hours.

A Negro Killed,

AUGUSTA, GA., Dec. 26.-A special to the Chronicle from Yorkville, S. C., says: Will Petty (colored) was found dead in the road in the southern part of Gaston county, N. C., yesterday morning. His head had been beaten to a jelly with a bludgeon or a stone. An inquest was held, but no particulars were developed. It is believed that Petty was one of the party of negroes who went from York to Gaston county after whiskey, and was killed in a drunken brawl.

His Secret Died with him.

PHOENIXVILLE, PA., Dec. 26.—Paul Schwartz, proprietor of the American Mehis youngest boy this norning at 7 o'clock. The child was only four months old, and was named Russell Hemmett.

Messrs, B. T. Jelliss, Virginia; C. R. Farenner, Purcell
Roltz, Virginia; C. R. Farenner, Purcell-

But Little Encouragement for the Two Houses .- A Number of Plans Laid by Democratic Leaders Frustrated.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.-Con. gress will be confronted with a perplexing situation when it reassembles. When Congress opened there were several things which the responsible leaders contemplated, and the accomplishment of which, they believed, would make a record which would stand to the credit of Democrats in coming campaigns. First of all they contemplated a speedy and radical reform of the tariff, the establishment of an income of the speed of the white house, even as late as noon, denied any knowledge of the President's absence from the city.

WASEINGTON, Dec. 26.—President Cleveland left Washington this morning for a trip of forty-eight hours down the Potomac, accompanied by Secretary Carlisie, and Capt. the tariff, the establishment of an income tax, the repeal of the Federal election laws, the repeal of the 10 per cent. tax on State banks, the revision of the na-tional bank laws, and a reduction of ap-propriations. From a Democratic stand-point, this was regarded as a popular programme, and one calculated to vance the interests of the party. was all to be done in short order, and their ambition was to have the work done so that the session of Congress might close during the spring months.

Importance of he faciff Question, They contemplated this programme with considerable satisfaction, and not the least of their desires was to avoid any contest and division in the party on the They believed that this silver question. They believed that this would put an end to the Populist move ments in the South and West, and that the party could be held together in a united body. They regarded the tariff question as the cohesive element which should be kept foremost and would unite Democrats of all sections. The other propositions were designed to please the Democrats in this section and in that, so that all should find something to their especial liking. The first movement to-ward the fulfilment of this plan was an effort to induce President Cleveland to call an extra session of Congress in May or June for the consideration of the tariff. In this they were disappointed, and disappointments have followed them in their attempted move forward.

The Siever Problem First. Instead of regarding the tariff as the burning question which demanded imme-diate settlement, Mr. Cleveland was easer to settle the silver problem and set to work, with a majority of his party against him, to repeal the Sherman law. When the extra session of Congress was called in August it was for a contest over silver. and the tariff was not in it. The party was divided and antagonism excited where none had existed before. Lines between the administration and anti-administration factions were sharply drawn, and at the end of the long contest over the repeal of the Sherman law, sentiments of bitterness and resentment remained. It was thought after the fight was over that its disturbing effects on the party might be neutralized by an immediate consideration of the reference on which eration of the tariff question, on which it was supposed the party was united. With this object in view, an effort was made to prolong the extra session, that a new tariff bill might be taken up in the House before the regular December

session began. Antagonizing the Administration. But here again it was found that an-tagonism existed between the adminis-tration and anti-administration men. The administration men wanted an immediate adjournment that the special session might stand out conspiciously for its work on the silver question. Again the administration forces were successful, but it was argue I that there would be no delay in the revision of the tariff, and in consequence of this, the Commit tee on Ways and Means was authorized to proceed at once with the preparation of their bill so that on the day of the meeting of Congress it would be ready for consideration in the House. In this the plans were better laid than executed. The same influence which had put the tariff question in the background before, appeared in the Ways and Means Committee, not only in a dilatory policy, but into the manner of treating the question itself. The committee was divid-ed into subcommittees on strange lines, and that subcommittee, which had es-pecially in charge the preparation of the general tariff bill, was composed of fewer than half of the Democrats of the com-

A New Bill Prepared,

After this subcommittee had completed its work by a slow process the rest of the majority of the committee were call-ed in, and at a time when it was supposed that the work would have been completed it was all started over again, completed it was all started over again, and the work done amounting practically to the making of a new bill. So that instead of being ready with the measure when Congress met the first Monday in December, the work was so far behind that even now, though the 3d of January is fixed as the time for the consideration of the measure in the House, it is not yet completed. Moreover, the bill is drawn on such lines as to make it extremely probable that the two houses of Congress cannot ngree on it, and dissatisfaction with the measure, together with the irritation on account of the delay, makes the result of the attempted revision very uncertain. More over, Mr. Cleveland's treatment of the tariff question in his message is not at all satisfactory to the ultra tariff-for-revenue men, and is regarded as an en-couragement to those who want to preserve protection for favored industries.

The Issue on the Income rax. The income tax question has developed into an aggrevating issue within the party and the advocates of that proposition are more or less angered by the notion they have that the administration has taken sides against them.

Meanwhile, during the special session, the House in spite of the antagonism of the administration forces, passed the bill repealing the Federal election laws, and that is now hung up in the Senate.
It was understood at the start that the administration would favor the re-peal of the State bank tax, which was endorsed without qualification in the national platform, and that Mr. Cleveland in his message would advocate the repeal. This expectation was disappointed, however, and the committee in charge of the subject, which was supposed to be strongly in favor of the repeal, is divided into almost as many factions as there are members of the majority.

the Issuing of tonds.

As to the revision of the national bank laws, the same condition of affairs exists and the question of issuing bonds has arisen on account of the Treasury de-ficiency to still further perplex the situa-

tion and excite antagonisms.

In the work on the appropriation bills some progress has been made toward the curtaliment of expenditures, but it is found generally that, while a saving can be made in one place, it is lost in another, and as all the policies are not in the hands of one committee, there is a lack of har mony of action.

Meanwhile the Hawalian question has arisen, and the attitude of the adminis-

tration in that matter is causing the Democrats more uneasiness than all their other failures and disappointments.

ON A HUNTING TRIP.

RICHMOND, VA., WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 27, 1893.

President Cleveland and Secretaries Gresham and Carlisle Leave for Virgin a. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—President

Cleveland, Secretary Gresham, and Secretary Carlisle left Washington at 10 o'clock this morning for a few days' recreation.

The party, according to the best information obtainable, embarked on one of the lighthouse tenders, accompanied by Capt. Robley Evans, of the Lighthouse Board. They steamed down the Potomac to the Champonia bay, and it is expected. Board. They steamed down the Potomac to the Chesapeake bay, and it is expected will be abtent from the city several days. Duck shooting is suggested as the chief object of the trip. The departure was arranged with the utmost secreey, and the officials at the White House, even as late

Robley D. Evans, mayal secretary of the Lighthcuse Board. Secretaries Gresham and Carlisle and Captain Evans met the President at the White House at 19 o'clock, and at 19:29 they started for the Seventh-Street wharf, the place of embarkation. The two Cabi-net officers and Captain Evans left the President's office and walked to the car-riage entrance through the public part of the mansion, while the President walked through the private portion.

through the private portion.

Secretary Carlisle's carriage was in waiting at the door and the four were driven away rapidly. At the wharf, the light-house tender belonging to the Baltimore station, was waiting for the party, and after they had gone on board no time was lost in starting down the river. It is presumed the trip is primarily for the purpose of duck shooting and recreation and incidentally for conference on public matters. To-day is cold and blustery, a decided change from the "green Christmas" of yesterday, and the

"green Christmas" of yesterday, and the Potomac is rough and choppy. It is

ideal ducking weather. At 1 o'clock Private Secretary Thur-ber said: "The Fresident has gone down ber said: "The Fresident has gone down the river on a little steamer with the Secretary of State, Secretary of the Treasury, and Captain Evans, of the navy. They will be absent two or three days. The trip is for the purpose of recreation and they will indulge in a little duck shooting if they find any docks. We Thusber said to the purpose of the trip to the ducks. Mr. Thurber said he did not know whether the steamer was a government vessel or not."

A PENDING STRIKE.

Coal Miners Object to a Cut in Their

Wages. BELLAIRE, O., Dec. 28.—A strike of alarming proportions will be instituted by 1,000 miners in this vicinity on January 1st, if the operators do not revoke their decision to out. decision to cut wages on that date. The miners affected are those en along the line of the Baltimore and Ohio

Some time ago the operators announced that they were unable to pay seventy cents per ton, as heretofore, and on January 1st would reduce to skry cents per ton, the wages paid to West Virginia minere.

The claim of the bosses was that they could not compete against West Virginia coul and pay ten cents more per ton for mining, alleging that under this arrangement West Virginia coul could be sold at the mouth of the Ohio mines for less than the Ohlo operators themselves could sell

their own coal. On the other hand the miners claim that They have decided to refuse the reduc-

tion, and unless some compromise is agreed upon within a few days, all will lay down their tools on New-Year's-Day,

PRODUCE THE RECORD.

A Former Virginia Darkey Dies in No Yor Ag d 121 Years.

LYONS, N. Y., Dec. 26.-James Morris, ommonly known as James Rice, a former dave, died in Lyons yesterday, 121 years of age. He was born on the Rice plantaof age. He was sorn on the Rice planta-tion, in Virginia, near Roanoke on June 18, '1772. After the death of his master he became the property of Balman Rice, who moved to Lyons and engaged in the manufacture of fanning mills. Bal-man Rice was one of the richest men in man Rice was one of the release men in Wayne county, Rice street being named after him. When emancipation was proclaimed, James was set free, but he chose to stay with his master, and after his death, remained with the widow in Lyons until her death. She left him the life use of a house and lot on Maple street, in Lyons, where he died. The Rice heirs have in their possession a record of their several slaves, and tife age of James Morris is given at 121 years.

A CLUB-HOUSE DESTROYED.

Two Grand-Stands of the Pittsburg Driving Park In Ashes.

PITTSBURG, PA., Dec. 26.-The threestory club-house and two grand stands of the Pittsburg Driving Park, located at Homewood, were entirely destroyed by are of incendiary origin at an early hour this morning. Loss about \$15,000.

Edward Morris and family, who lived in the house, had narrow escapes from being burned, and saved none of their ousehold effects. The stables were

An attempt was made about two weeks ago to burn the buildings, which were erected in 1881.

TWO BIG FAILURES.

Two of the Oldes: Retail Concerns Suspend

MILWAUKEE, WIS., Dec. 26,-The Rich & Silber Dry Goods Company, one of the oldest retail dry goods concerns in the city, and the A. W. Rich Shoe Company, assigned early this morning. B. W. Weil is assignee of the dry goods company and T. L. Kelly of the shoe com-pany. A. W. Rich is the principal stockholder in both concerns. The bond of the assignee of the dry goods company is \$225,000, and of the assignee of the shoe company \$165,000. No statement is made of the liabilities. The creditors of both are principally eastern concerns.

A Defaulter Turns Up. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.-A special to the Post, from Bristol, Tenn.,

Two years ago it was discovered that David S. Morrison, clerk of the court of Scott county, Va., had defaulted, in State and county funds, to the amount of about 330,000. He attempted to escape, but was captured in Tennessee, and brought to Bristol. He escaped from custody here and the authorities were never able to and the authorities were never and to find him again. He has now turned up at his home at Gate City, Va., where the embezzlement was perpetrated. His phy-sician states that he is a raving maniae. Morrison claims to have been concealed in his father's home ever since he escaped from the officers. His whereabouts were unknown until he volunteered to come out on the streets.

Hung Him After All.

SAVANNAH, GA., Dec. 26.—A special to the Morning News from Bainbridge, Ga., Says: "Calvin Thomas, the negro Ga., Says: "Calvin Thomas, the negro who feloniously assaulted Mrs. Sellers, an account of which appeared in the Morning News to-day, did not die during the day as expected by the attending physician, and he was taken out last night by unknown parties and hanged."

LEFT FOR RIO JANEIRO.

THE CRUISER NEW YORK LEAVES THE BROOKLYN NAVY YARD.

Bound for the Brazilian Capital, Where She Will Join the Strongest Squadron of the United States Ever Sent Out.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.-The cruiser New York sailed from the Brooklyn navy yard this morning for Rio de Janeiro. All doubt in regard to her destination was set at rest by Secretary Herbert's announcement, that she had been ordered to Rio and would start from New York to-day. Mr. Herbert said he had issued no

orders directing the double-turretted monitor Miantonomah to join the American fleet at Rio. It is likely, however, that the big monitor will be sent on that duty. She is now being prepared for sea with all haste, and no denial is made at the Navy Department of the report that Rio will be her destination. The work of fitting out this vessel will be finished within a day or two.

The New York's arrival at Rio will increase the force of the United States vessels there to five-all modern cruisers vessels there to hive—all floquen cruisers— the greatest number of United States vessels assembled at one point to pro-tect American interests since the civil war. The Charleston, and the Newark, and the Detroit are already at Rio, and the San Francisco is due there in days or perhaps a week. It will take the New York about seventeen days to reach Rio. She will probably make the voyage of five thousand miles without stopping for coal.

Rear-Admiral Benham, who will assume command of the United States naval forces at Rio on her arrival, will retain his flag on the San Francisco, but it is likely that on the arrival of the New York she will become the flag-ship of the South Atlantic station.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The cruiser New York finished taking on goal at the Breek.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The crulser New York finished taking on coal at the Brooklyn navy yard at 10 A. M., and without waiting to remove the coal stains from her white sides, she was swung out into the stream by three tugs.

Capt. J. W. Philip said that he had taken 1,100 tons of coal on board, sufficient for fifteen days' steaming, and he had stores for a six months' cruise. Capt. Philip has received full instructions, and will go direct to sea. His destination is Rio de Janeiro. He would not say what his orders are further than that they require him to proceed to sea. The officers quire him to proceed to sea. The officers of the ship have told their friends and relatives to address their mail to Rio de Janeiro, and no reason for the sailing of the New York at this time has been sug-

Admiral Gherardi and his staff officers went down on the dock and said good-bye to Capt Philip and the officers of the New

A strong northwest wind was blowing, and when the three tugs pulled the New York out into the stream and let go of her the wind, aided by the flood tide, drove her stern foremost toward the Cobb dock, and she seemed about to collide with the dock. Her engines were started at slow speed, but they did not

stop her progress. The tugs were not in a position to aid her. When she was 150 yards from the shore when she was 150 yards from the shore the starboard anchor was let go. This stopped her sternway, and her engines were started up, so that she was soon moving ahead out of danger. The anchor was taken aboard, thirteen guns were fired in honor of the Admiral,

and as the shore guns gave a parting salute for Capt. Philip the New York went down the East river under her own steam. She passed Governor's Island at

WASHINGTON. Dec. 26 .- Secretar Herbert received two dispatches yester-day from Captain Picking, in command of the United States naval force at Rio Janeiro. Mr. Herbert decided not t make their contents public, but he said they contaired nothing of importance. Neither dispatch made mention of any triumph of Admiral Mello's, or anything that could be construed into a corrobora-tion of the sensational reports that President Pelxoto had resigned and the in-surgents occupied Rio. Mr. Herbert said he was satisfied that there was no truth

n these stories. No action has been taken by the gov ernment with reference to the request of American merchant ship captains, backet by the United States Consul-General at by the United States Consultance at a Rio, that the United States vessels in the harbor of the Brazilian capital be in structed to protect them from the in surgents' fire while landing their cargoes Mr. Herbert said that American commercial interests in Rio would be given pro-tection as good as that accorded other celgn merchantmen by the war vessels

of their respective parties.
RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 26.—The Italian Naval fleet will sail for home to-morrow The foreign ministers here met to-day and decided against recommending that the insurgents be accorded belilgent rights. No changes are apparent in the

bombardment of the city. The Government has established a new fort on Governor Island, recently cap-tured from the insurgents, and is daily increasing the cannon at other points.
That Admiral DaGama, who commands
the insurgent vessels in the harbor, is in a critical position, is admitted even by his friends. It is believed that there will be a deci-

sive struggle in the near future. Recognized he Insurgents. BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 26.-It is ru

mored that Minister Thompson, the United States Minister at Rio Janeiro has recognized the insurgents as bel MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 26.—The Italian

gun-boat Sabastino Veniero has started for Rio Janeiro. The cruiser Nietheroy has returned to Pernambuco, having failed to find the Aquidaban, which is re-ported to be on the way to Pernambuco.

Federal Capital.

LEAVING FOR FLORIDA. harlie Mitchell Makes a Short S op at the

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Char-lie Mitchell, the famous English pugilist, passed through this city this morning. passed through this city this morning. For the space of about twenty minutes things around the Pennsylvania station had a very English air. After that the porters went around sweeping up the h's that had been dropped by the prize-fighter's arty. Will it be Mitchell or Corbett? er's arty. Will it be Mitchell or Corbett.
This is the question that is agitating the
minds of the sporting fraternity in Washington as well as elsewhere. That there
will be a fight of some sort, or rather in
some place, Mitchell expresses himself as
absolutely confident.
The "booming" Englishman who is to

The "booming Englishman who is to put up his 'dukes' against the champion from the Pacific slope left Philadelphia this morning at 7:20 o'clock. His train arrived in this city at 10:42, on time to the minute. As the train came to a standstill Mitchell's car was boarded by Mr. Brown, of the Richmond and Danville railroad, who had made preparations for the jour-ney from here on to Jacksonville, and

ney from here on to Jackstville, and several reporters, who were awaiting the arrival of the English slugger. There were five members in his party. They were Mr. Harry Darrin, the English mile runner, who is English, looks Engglish, and talks English; Mr. Jack Fogar-ty, of Philadelphia, who, on Saturday, made an agreement to act as a trainer; Mrs. Sense, a German woman, who is going along to act in the capacity of cook, so that there shall be no change of diet until after the great contest is over, and a young gentleman, who was "me man-servant," as Charlie expresses it.

The Centre of Attraction. The party, and Mitchell especially, at once became the cynosure of all eyes in the station, for the story had spread rapidly that the great man was expected. Station employes, conductors, and porters managed to have business somewhere in managed to have business somewhere in a direction that would lead them past the Englishman, so that they might feast their eyes on his athletic figure. He had only a short time to stay in this city, as accommodations had been secured for him in the train that left at 11:01 for Jackson-

in the train that left at 11:01 for Jackson-ville. He occupied his time in a stroll up and down the platform, and in a brief visit to the telegraph office, whence he sent a telegram or "wire," as he called it, to his friends in Florida. Mitchell seemed to be in the very pinx of condition. He looked all of the 179 pounds that Mr. Fogarty said he weighed. He was clad in a long, rather rusty brown overcoat, with velvet cuffs, and had on a pair of broad English tan shoes that would have left a track like a snow shoe. His have left a track like a snow shoe. His face was as bright as could be, and his complexion was clear and healthy, though slightly sallow. This, his trainer said, came from the use of a preparation which was intended to barden the skin. He is not a big man, but he gives evidence of being possessed of all the quickness and agility possessed of all the quickness and aguitty with which he is credited. He was carrying a big, yellow Gladstone bag, which seemed to be about as heavy as he cared to handle, and he dropped it on the platform for his man-servant, a little chap, to carry along.

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Quarters had been secured for the party on the through steeping-car. They consisted of the drawing-room and two lower berths. Mitchell will not attempt to do any training while en route, as the length of time is not sufficient to warrant the trouble. They will be in Jacksonville at 9:20 o'clock to-morrow morning. On the way he will use the dumb bells, and will way he will use the dumb bells, and will be careful in the matter of diet. Yesterday in Philadelphia he took a deal of excreise and a "heavy swert," with the result that he had a slight cold to-day. While waiting for his train Mitchell

chatted pleasantly and courteously.
"How am I feeling?" he replied to a question; "why, first rate, me good man, I am a bit tired from 'aving got up early this morning, but that will not last long and I tell you I am feeling right up to the Emit. I would like to see Washington again, for it has been five years since I was 'ere least, but unfortunately I must hurry through. I feel all right and ready for the fight, and could get in condition with case within three days. Wot do I think of Corbett? I've met him, but I can't are transported to the condition of the condit cahn't say that I am tremendously stuck on him, ye know. I imagine he used to be a decent enough fellow, but lately 'e's got the swelled 'ed. I know all about 'is length of reach, and I am going into the ight knowing just exactly wot I've got to do. I cahn't say what the chances are as to the result, for I make practice, ye know, never to commit myself in this way. I expect to do the best I can, and that will be pretty good. I would be very glad to tell you any news if there were any, but really I don't know anything more than has been already printed."

The Fight to Go On.

Harry Darrin, who is looking after Mitchell's comfort, said that his principal had never felt better than he does now. According to this authority Mitchell is a good, steady eater, and is not particular, Steaks, chops, and eggs furnish the bulk of his diet, and with his dinner he drinks a bottle of claret. Members of the party expressed themelves as satisfied that no effort would really be made to prevent the fight being held in Jacksonville next onth. They thought that the fact that they had been allowed to go so far with heir expensive preparations was enough o prove that the fight would really be seld. Mitchell says that If they do not meet at Jacksonville he understands they can go to New Orleans and have it out there. In an interview yesterday in Phildelphia he said: "If we do not meet at acksonville you can depend upon it that orbett and I will fight somewhere else We will surely fight, for it has come down to a personal matter now, and is necessary I will forego the purre and fight in private. I believe that Corbett feels the same as I do about fighting, but I do

ot believe that he will meet me without a purse." St. Augustine His.

While they were in this city this morn ing Mitchell received the following tele "St. Augustine, Fla., Dec. 25.

"To Charles Mitchell, Washington, D. C.:

"As you are aware, Mr. Thompson has selected quarters for you here. St. Augustine is yours. Your comfort is ours.

"SENATOR FRANK B. GENOVAR. "Chairman Committee

Billy Thompson, Mitchell's manager who is now at Jacksonville, is said to be greatly pleased with the training quarters secured for Mitchell on Anastasia Ldand, near St. Augustine. A large force of me is at work putting the place in good con dition, and when Mitchell arrives ther to-morrow he will find everything pre-pared for his comfort. He will also meet with a hearty reception from St. Augus-tine people. Jim Hall and Steve O'Don-nell, the Australian heavy-weights, will Join Mitchell on Anastasia Island next

To Capture a Pugliist, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Dec. 26.-Gov ernor Matthews is in correspondence with officials of Lake county concerning an effort being made to capture Pugilist Costello in Canada and bring him to Indiana

for sentence.

The Governor, at the close of the Costello trial, thought that his conviction and a term in the penitentiary would do more toward discouraging prize-fights in the State than anything else. Inquiry is tician. His plea will be self-defense being made into the extradition laws to see if Costello can be brought back to this side of the line. The county officials will make application to the Governor who will submit papers to the United States Secretary of State.

He will turn them over to the British officials at Washington. It is doubtful if prize-fighting is considered an offense serious enough to enable the officers to secure Costello, but the fact that he is a fugitive from justice will, in all proba-bility, be sufficient to obtain the approval of the Canadian officers.

Completely Routed.

CAPE TOWN, AFRICA, Dec. 26 .- A dis patch received here yesterday from Major Forbes, commanding the field forces of the British South Africa Company, says that the Matabeles have been comsubjugated. It is added that King Loben-gula has fled, and that he apparently has no intention of returning.

Waylaid the Doctor,

NASHVILLE, TENN., Dec. 26.-Dr. Stanton Malone was waylaid and killed by Lon Foutch near Kokeville, in De-Kalb county, yesterday. It seems that Foutch entertained an old grudge against the Doctor. When the Doctor left the house Foutch waited for him and shot him from ambush.

Bulls Have Lost.

BOMBAY, Dec. 26,-The speculation in silver here has collegsed, and the buils lost heavily. There is a prospect that the exchange will improve within a fortnight, and that the export trade will

Appointed Receiver. NEW YORK, Dec. 26.-J. G. Truax, of the Supreme Court, has appointed ex-Mayor Hugh J. Grant receiver of the St. Nicholas Bank. His bond is \$250,000. NEGROES UNDER ARMS.

A GENUINE RACE WAR BETWEEN

BLACKS AND WHITES IN FLORIDA. Several of the Blacks Killed and a Num

ber of Both Parties Wounded-The Militia Called Out. JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Dec. 26.-It is rumored at Leesburg, a few miles from Wildwood, the scene of the race trouble,

that the whites fired upon the blacks early this morning, and that several blacks were killed and a number of both parties wounded. The remoteness of the community is such that details ace hard to get. Another rumor has it that Ira Smith, who was wounded last night, has since died, and that another white man was wounded. WILDWOOD, FLA., Dec. 26.- The negro

Abe Albright, who shot Ira Smith last night, together with five other negroes who were in the fight, was arrested this morning and lodged in Jail by Sheritt Chapman, in charge of the Leesburg Rifles. There was considerable firing from the rifles before the arrests were made. At least seventy-five shots were exchanged. Several negroes were slightly wounded. Islah Ryan (colored) was killed last night, but was not reported dead un-

til this morning.

Three of the supposed leaders of the riot, Coleman Lambright, Jeff McCallister, and Anderson Brown are now in jail here, Jesse Lambright, the negro who started the difficulty with Rube Carothers, is still at large Unknown Death

It is not definitely known new many negroes were killed last night and toos morning. The negro Abe Albright was shot before being arrested this morning. It before being arrested this morning. It seemed for a while that Abe Albright would be lynched, but a grand mass-meet-ing of the white citizens was held to pro-

test against lynch law, and to advise peace and compromise.

Rev. Mr. Mason, Coi. I. E. Barwick, and J. H. Curry made earnest speeches to the crowd, advising moderation and the sucrowd, advising moderation and the supremacy of the law. The crowd was quiet and apparently satisfied to permit Sheriff Chapman to take charge of and remove the negro prisoner, Abe Albright, to the Laveres jail, which he did under the protection of the Leesburg Rifles. At this hour everything seems to be quiet. There are about fifty white men under arms. It was reported this evening that negroes were organizing in the direction of Lady Lake.

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Telegrams have been sent to the Governor, and it is understood he has ordered the Tampa Rifles to this place. They will arrive here at il o'clock to-night. Every read leading into the town is pleketed and the movements of the begroes are closely watched. The people are all very much excited. Rube Caruthers (white), who was shot last night, is not dangerously wounded. Ira Smith is very critically wounded.

The Tampa Riffes. SAVANNAH, GA., Dec. 26.—A special to the Morains News from Tampa, Fla., says: "Acting under instructions from Governor Mitcheil, the Tampa Riffes, fcrty-two strong, left on the 8 o'clock train for Wildwood to aid in quelling the negro riot. The Governor also ordered a special train from Ocala to that place to convex the riffes of that city to the to convey the rifles of that city to the scene of the riot. The latest ne 's from Wildwood is to the effect that fifteen negroes were wounded, four killed, and

four captured." IN THE HANDS OF RECEIVERS. A Big Rolling Mill Is Forced to Close Its

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 26.-The Mahoning Rolling Mill Company with eadquarters in this city, and mills in Danville, Monroe county, went into the hands of receivers to-day. The liabilities are \$340,000 and the assets \$332,000. Jus-

are \$340,000 and the assets \$32,000. Juatice Cox, of this city, and Charles L. Balley, of Harrisburg, both directors of the company, are the receivers.

Abraham S. Patterson, the president of the company, said this afternoon the reasons that the receivership was applied for was on account of the financial stringency, which had crippled trade, and as Mr. Patterson said, with sarcasm, "Cleveland for President, and Wilson tariff bill."

The plant consists of ten double puddling furnaces, six heating furnaces, and three trains of rolls, having a capacity of 300 tons of skelp iron per week.

BAD STATE OF AFFAIRS.

The City Altorney of St. Louis Shoots a Man. ST. LOUIS, MO., Dec. 26.-At 4 o'clock this morning City Attorney James J. Butler fatally shot James Leary, alias "Seven-up Jim," in Ada Huntley's disseven-up Jim. In Ada Huntley's dis-orderly house. Their quarrel arose while discussing the recent exposure of a crap game under the Standard Theatre, which is owned by Butler. Leary is said to have made an attempt to draw a pistol, when Butler shot him through the right breast.

Leary is a well-known police character, and derives his alias from his aptitude with cards. The police class him as a

Two years ago he shot a young labore named Patrick Grogan, but proved selfdefense.

Besides being city attorney and owner of the Standard Theatre, Butler derives some distinction from being a son of Colonel Edward Butler, a prominent poli-

Another Warship Ordered Out. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Orders have

been sent to the commandant of the navy yard at Mare Island, Cal., directing him to have the United States steamer Mobican prepared for sea at once. Secre-tary Herbert said there was no truth in the report that the Mohican would go to the report that the Mohican would go to Honolulu. As United States interests in the Pacific are well protected by American vessels in Central America and South American coasts and in Hawali, it is not unlikely that the Mohican will be sent to Samoa to join the British and German

ships in maintaining the protectorate. WEA HER FORECAST

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.-For Virginia: Fair; probably slightly warmer Wednesday night; northwest winds, becoming variable.

For North Carolina: Generally fulr: slightly cooler on north coast; north or

west winds.

Weather conditions and general forecast: A ridge of high pressure extends
from the middle Atlantic coast through Kansas to the north Pacific coast.
Storms appear to be developing to the north of Montana and on the middle Pa-

cific coast. Light snow flurries have occurred in the lower lake regions.

The temperature has generally fallen east of the Mississippi river, and has risen to the westward.

The temperature will fail on the south Atlantic coast, remain stationary in the gulf States, and will generally rise else where. Light snow flurries have occurred in

RANGE OF THE TREEMOMETER.

The following was the range of the thermometer at The Times office yesterday: 9 A. M., 52; 12 M., 59; 3 P. M., 55; 6 P. M., 47; 9 P. M., 41; midnight, 36. Average, 43 1-5.